1 THE HONORABLE JOHN H. CHUN 2 3 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 4 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON AT SEATTLE 5 6 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, No. CR25-065-JHC 7 Plaintiff. ORDER TO CONTINUE TRIAL AND 8 **EXTEND PRETRIAL MOTIONS** v. **DEADLINE** 9 JOEL RIDLEY, 10 Defendant. 11 THE COURT has considered Joel Ridley's motion to continue the trial date and 12 extend the pretrial motions deadline and finds that: 13 (a) taking into account the exercise of due diligence, a failure to grant a 14 continuance in this case would deny counsel the reasonable time necessary for effective 15 preparation due to counsel's need for more time to review the evidence, consider 16 possible defenses, and gather evidence material to the defense, as set forth in 18 U.S.C. 17 § 3161(h)(7)(B)(iv); 18 (b) a failure to grant such a continuance would likely result in a miscarriage of 19 justice, as set forth in 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(B)(i); 20 (c) the additional time requested is a reasonable period of delay as the defendant 21 has requested more time to prepare for trial, to investigate the matter, to gather evidence 22 material to the defense, and to consider possible defenses; 23 (d) the ends of justice will best be served by a continuance, and the ends of 24 justice outweigh the best interests of the public and the defendant in any speedier trial, 25

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as set forth in 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A);

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1	(e) the time requested between the current trial date and the new trial date is
2	needed to provide counsel the reasonable time necessary to prepare for trial considering
3	counsel's schedule and all the facts set forth above; and
4	(f) the period of delay from the date of this order to the new trial date is
5	excludable time pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §§ 3161(h)(7)(A) and (h)(7)(B)(iv).
6	IT IS ORDERED that the trial date shall be continued to March 30, 2026, and
7	that pretrial motions shall be filed no later than February 17, 2026.
8	DONE this 16th day of May 2025.
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11	John H. Chun
12	UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE
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14	Presented by:
15	s/ Sara Brin
16	Assistant Federal Public Defender Attorney for Joel Ridley
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